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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF AZORES BASE AGREEMENT

1. DURING LISBON CONVERSATIONS PORTUGUESE FONMIN PATRICIO PRESSED THE U.S. TO BE MORE HELPFUL IN IMPLEMENTING THE AZORES BASE AGREEMENT, (A) BY FINDING SURPLUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL BE OF INTEREST TO PORTUGAL AND (B) BY ASSISTING WITH EXIMBANK FINANCING FOR THE COMPANY SINES WHICH WISHES TO UNDERTAKE MAJOR CONSTRUCTION NEAR LISBON BUT STATES PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENTAL GUARANTEE NECESSARY. GOVT. IS UNWILLING TO SET PRECEDENT OF GUARANTEES TO PRIVATE COMPANIES.

2. THE SECRETARY TOLD PATRICIO THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT ISSUE TO SEE WHETHER THE OBSTACLES WERE LEGAL OR BUREAUCRATIC. HE ASSURED PATRICIO THAT HE WOULD DO WHATEVER COULD BE DONE TO CUT THROUGH THE BUREAUCRACY TO HELP THE PORTUGUESE. AS FOR THE EXIMBANK QUESTION, IF THE PROBLEM LAY WITHIN HIS AREA OF DISCRETION AND IF THE ISSUE WAS NOT A MANEUVER OF THE COMPANY ITSELF, HE WOULD TELL HIS STAFF TO DO ALL THAT IS POSSIBLE WITHIN EXISTING REGULATIONS.

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3. HE AGREED THAT PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR THEMIDO
SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH UNDER SECRETARY PORTER IN
WASHINGTON SOON AFTER CHRISTMAS TO TRY TO MAKE PROGRESS
ON THESE PROBLEMS EXPEDITIOUSLY.
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